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SUBJECT: Request to Change Home Leave Dates (Michael J. Mates,  
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REF: Rejected Itinerary (33946, Workflow Report 08/26/2009)

¶1. Embassy Chisinau requests approval of requested change of home leave dates (for Political Officer Michael J. Mates) to the period January 25 to February 19, 2010, as requested in the itinerary submitted on July 21, 2009. That request was denied in referenced Workflow Report because the employee, with an ETA of 09/2006, was scheduled to take home leave 09/2008. (Note: Employee TOD is 24M2RR/HLRT/36M3RR. End Note.)

¶2. Employee states that he was not informed of the 09/2008 requirement, and was in fact told by his CDO that he was not eligible for home leave, because his tour would end with mandatory retirement in August 2011, the month he turns 65. In July, employee received countervailing advice from the Regional HR Resources Officer, and applied for home leave.

¶3. Post notes that the requested dates are the latest which will allow 18 further months of service at Embassy Chisinau. Because of the employee's responsibilities as the drafter (with no backup) of the Human Rights and Trafficking in Persons reports over the period between September and January, an earlier date is not possible.

¶4. Request that HR/EX favorably consider adjusting the date of the home leave until January/February 2010.

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